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SIR:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on March 29, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-27, 38 and 39 are canceled; claim 28 is amended; and claims 29-37 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Amendment (12)

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents on the date noted below.

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Dated: <u>March 20, 2006</u>

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by form PTO-2038 attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378.